

**SUICIDE PREVENTION COORDINATOR REPORT
HOUSE ENROLLED ACT 1430-2017**

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Department of Mental Health and Addictions, Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Recommendations to Legislative Committee for House Enrolled Act 1430-2017

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Scope:

Per House Enrolled Act 1430-2017, the Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator is to study and determine: (1) the professions that should be required to receive training on suicide assessment, treatment, and management; and (2) the manner in which to fund the training. The determination shall be reported to the legislative council no later than 12/31/2017.

Analysis:

The Statewide Suicide Prevention Coordinator consulted with the experts around Indiana with regards to suicide prevention; as well as, reviewed reports from the Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC); Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI); National Registry Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) administered by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); and, peer reviewed journals. The recommendations for training and who is to be trained was based on those consultations and journal reviews.

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center and the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council recommended the review of other suicide prevention training laws that have been adopted by other states with the support of state and local governments; stakeholders; associations; and unions. The following recommendations are based on the laws that govern professionals in the mental health and medical professions in the State of Washington, due to their close alignment with the issues and challenges identified in Indiana.

Determinations from HEA 1430-2017

(d) The coordinator of the statewide program for suicide prevention shall study and determine:

(1) the professions that should be required to receive training concerning suicide assessment, treatment, and management; and

It is recommended that each of the following professionals certified or licensed under Indiana Law, as a component of licensing maintenance and/or renewal requirements, complete training in suicide assessment, treatment and management that is approved, in rule, by the relevant professional licensing authority:

- (i) A Peer based licensure/certification including but not limited to the following: Recovery Coach; Certified Recovery Specialist, Community Health Worker.
- (ii) Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor; Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor Associate; Licensed Addiction Counselor; Licensed Addiction Counselor Associate
- (iii) Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

- (iv) Licensed Mental Health Counselor; Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- (v) Licensed Occupational Therapist
- (vi) Licensed psychologist
- (vii) A social worker and clinical social worker
- (viii) A nurse (to include LPN/RN/NP)
- (ix) A surgeon
- (x) A pharmacist
- (xi) Emergency department direct care staff
- (xii) Primary care doctors and direct care staff
- (xiii) Immediate care doctors and direct care staff

(2) the manner in which to fund the required training for this determined professions.

It is recommended that the medical professionals or their employers will pay for any costs accrued to meet this suicide prevention training requirement just as they would when they apply for recertification and CEUs.